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EO 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAGR, BTIO, SY
SUBJECT: TITLE I, PL 480 RICE TENDER

REF: STATE 058065

1. TAFCO, THE FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION FOR CHEMICALS AND FOODSTUFFS, ISSUED ITS INVITATION FOR BIDS ON RICE SUBJECT TO PA 53/501 IN DAMASCUS, MARCH 24 AS RICE ENQUIRY NO. 161/SR/3211.

2. TAFCO MADE A NUMBER OF CHANGES IN THE SAMPLE INVITATION PROVIDED BY THE USDA. AS THE INVITATION IS 11 PAGES LONG, THE FOLLOWING VERBATIM QUOTES ARE THE IMPORTANT CONDITIONS, CHANGES, AND DIFFERENCES IN TAFCO'S ENQUIRY (WHERE "NC" APPEARS MEANS NO CHANGE):
A. QUANTITY: 25,000 METRIC TONS FIVE PER CENT MORE OR LESS OF MILLED RICE SEPARATED AS THE FOLLOWING 10,000 MT LONG GRAIN, 15,000 M/T MEDIUM GRAIN. SEPARATE PRICES MUST BE QUOTED FOR EACH CLASS. RICE SHALL BE AVAILABLE FAS VESSEL AT US PORT(S) FROM 5/10/75 THROUGH
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B. SPECIFICATION: GRADE US NO. 2 MILLED RICE, NEW
CROP. RICE MUST BE WELL MILLED AND CONTAIN NO MORE THAN
FIVE PER CENT BROKEN KERNELS, PACKED IN NEW JUTE OR
WOVEN POLYPROPYLENE OR WOVEN POLYETHYLENE BAGS.
C. PACKING: NC
D. QUOTATION: OFFERS MUST BE QUOTED IN US DOLLARS
PER M/T (QPPP KGS) NET WEIGHT FAS VESSEL, SEPARATELY FOR
EACH LOADING RANGE. WITHIN TEN 10 DAYS AFTER NOTICE OF
REGISTRATION OF SALE, SUPPLIER SHALL NOTIFY "TAFCO"
BY CABLE OF THE SPECIFIC PORT(S) OF LOADING AND QUANTITIES
FOR EACH PORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SALES CONTRACT.
SELLER MUST MAKE RICE AVAILABLE AT NOT MORE THAN TWO SAFE
BERTHS PER PORT OF SHIPMENT PER VESSLE. THE LOWEST
POSSIBLE PRICE SHOULD BE QUOTED AS NO NEGOTIATIONS SHALL
BE HELD ON PRICE OR ANY OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN THE
OFFER. OFFERS MUST PROVIDE FOR A FIVE (5) PER CENT PLUS
OR MINUS TOLERANCE AT BUYER'S OPTION.
E. EMPBY BAGS: NC
F. SECTION ON SHIPMENT ADDED AS FOLLOWS: MUST BE
EFFECTED BETWEEN 5/10/75 UNTIL 6/10/75 AND IN TWO
SEPARATED LOTS.
G. DELIVERY: NC
H. DESTINATION: PORT OF LATTAKIA OR TARTOUS
I. CONSIGNEE: FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION FOR
CHEMICALS AND FOODSTUFFS (TAFCO).
J. INSPECTION:
(A) NC
(B) AN INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION COMPANY WILL BE
CHARGED BY US TO DO ALL THE INSPECTION REGARDING QUALITY,
WEIGHT, PACKING AND ANALYSIS AND THAT SHALL BE EFFECTED
AT THE LOADING PORT/S. SAID COMPANY SHALL ISSUE THE FOL-
LOWING CERTIFICATES:
(1) DESCRIPTION AND WEIGHT CERTIFICATE IN FOUR
COPIES.
(2) ANALYSIS CERTIFICATE IN FOUR COPIES ISSUED BY
A WORLD ACKNOWLEDGED LABORATORY. ALL EXPENSES OF INSPEC-
TION AND ANALYSIS TO BE SELLERS ACCOUNT.
(C) INSPECTION AND WEIGHT SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PA 53-501- AND THE TITLE I, PL
480 REGULATIONS.
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K. CONTRACTS: NC
L. PAYMENT: FOLLOWING END OF FIRST SENTENCE ADDED,
"AND AGAINST THE FOLLOWING SHIPPING DOCUMENTS:
"(1) COMMERCIAL INVOICE IN (12) COPIES OF WHICH
ONE ORIGINAL TO BE LEGALIZED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND BY THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC CONSULATE IF AVAILABLE
AT BENEFICIARY LOCATION; IF NOT, BY SYRIAN MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DAMASCUS. LEGALIZATION FEES SELLER'S

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ACCOUNT.
"(2) CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN IN (3) COPIES OF WHICH
ONE LEGALIZED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BY THE SYRIAN
ARAB REPUBLIC CONSULATE IF AVAILABLE AT BENEFICIARY
LOCATION, IF NOT, BY SYRIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
DAMASCUS. LEGALIZATION FEES SELLER'S ACCOUNT.
"(3) FULL SET (4) BILL OF LADING CLEAN ON BOARD;
NOTIFY TAFCO AND COMMERCIAL BANK OF SYRIA NO. 3.
"(4) INSPECTION CERTIFICATE (WEIGHT, QUALITY)
AT LOADING PORT IN (7) COPIES STATING THAT SPECIFICATIONS
OF GOODS ARE ACCORDING TO CONTRACT.
"(5) ANALYSIS CERTIFICATE IN (7) COPIES.
"(6) PHYTOSAINTARY CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY AUTHOR-
IZED SOURCES.
"(7) DECLARATION IN (3) COPIES ATTESTING THAT SEL-
LER IS NOT BLACK LISTED BY THE ARAB BOYCOTT AUTHORITIES."
M. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED: NC
N. BID BOND: LC ISSUED BY FIRST CLASS US BANK AND
THROUGH COMMERCIAL BANK OF SYRIA NO. 3 IN FAVOR OF TAFCO, ETC.
ALSO, BID BOND VALID FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS WITH UNSUCCESS-
FUL BIDDERS' BONDS CANCELLED WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER AWARD DATE.
PERFORMANCE BOND: ADDED TO FIRST SENTENCE AFTER
AWARDED RICE NEW SENTENCE: "ISSUED BY A FIRST-CLASS
US BANK AND THROUGH COMMERCIAL BANK OF SYRIA NO. 3.
IN SENTENCE, "P/B MUST BE VALID FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS FROM
THE LOADING DATE, "CHANGE TO "30 DAYS FATER ARRIVAL OF LAST
SHIPMENT TO SYRIA."

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O. SECTION ON DISPUTES ADDED AS FOLLOWS: SHOULD A
DISPUTE ARISE BETWEEN SELLERS AND BUYERS, AND IF BOTH PAR-
TIES FAIL TO SETTLE IT AMICABLY, THE DISPUTE SHALL BE
SETTLED UNDER THE LAWS OF SYRIA AND IN THE COURTS OF
THAT JURISDICTION.
P. SECTION ON PENALTY ADDED AS FOLLOWS: IN CASE OF
NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE DELIVERY DATE, SELLERS SHALL
BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES PER DAY OR IN
PROPORTION FOR ANY PART OF DAY:
  (A) US DOLLARS 750 FOR FOUR DAYS DELAY
  (B) US DOLLARS 500 FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE DAYS
  (C) US DOLLARS 1000 FOR DELAY EXCEEDING THE ABOVE
SEVEN DAYS.
SAID PENALTIES SHALL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE GOVERNING PER-
FORMANCE BOND UPON BUYER'S FIRST REQUEST.
Q. AWARD: NC
R. TELEGRAPHIC BIDS: NC
S. SPECIAL PROVISIONS: (A) NC, EXCEPT AT END
WHERE SENTENCE ADDED; "IN CASE THERE SHOULD BE ANY IMPOS-
SIBILITY OF SHIPPING OR LOADING GOODS, THE CONTRACTUAL
PARTY SHALL SUBMIT DOCUMENTS PROVING SO."
  (B) NC
  (C) NC
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  (D) SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) IN WASHINGTON,
D.C. WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS AFTER AWARDS HAVE BEEN MADE,
ONE SET OF PROFORMA INVOICE ESTABLISHED IN TEN (10) COPIES
UNDER THE NAME OF THE CONSIGNEE WITH THE FOLLOWING INDICATION:
    FAS PRICE PER METRIC TON
    FAS PRICE TOTAL
    NET WEIGHT
    GROSS WEIGHT
    DELIVERY DATES.

ALL BIDS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZA-
TION FOR CHEMICALS AND FOODSTUFFS, JOUMHOURIA STREET,
DAMASCUS, S.A.R., PO BOX 893 (TAFCO); AND THE BIDS ADDRESSED
BY LETTERS TO BE SENT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE BY REGISTERED
MAIL ADDRESSED TO OUR ORGANIZATION. THE ENVELOPE SHOULD BEAR
THE FOLLOWING WORDINGS: "CONFIDENTIAL RICE OFFER
TENDER NO   , PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION NO '51-501 SECRETARY
SHIP/GENERAL DIRECTOR, TENDER NAME AND ADDRESS."

-- OFFERS MUST ARRIVE LATEST BY 1430 DAMASCUS LOCAL TIME

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APRIL 20, 1975.
-- OFFERS TO BE VALID UNTIL APRIL 30, 1975.
AWARDS SHALL BE SENT TO SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS BY TELEGRAM
NOT LATER THAN APRIL 30, 1975.
NOTICE: OUR PREVIOUS TENDER IS CANCELLED AND IS REPLACED
BY THE PRESENT TENDER. (EMBASSY NOTE: TAFCO TENDER OMITS
FAS SAMPLE INDICATION: "BID OPENING WILL BE HELD IN
PUBLIC AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS ON."

3. COPY OF TENDER BEING POUCHED MARCH 27 FROM BEIRUT TO
PROGRAM OPERATIONS DIVISION, FAS, USDA.
4. AGATT PITCHER INFORMED TAFCO MORE THAN ONCE THAT USDA
PRIOR APPROVAL OF TENDER REQUESTED BEFORE ITS PUBLICATION.
SINCE TENDER ALREADY ISSUED, IT IS NECESSARY EMBASSY RECEIVE
USDA COMMENTS ASAP, PARTICULARLY IF ANY AMENDMENTS TO
TENDER REQUIRED.
5. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH TAFCO AND CEREALS OFFICE MARCH 26 IN
DAMASCUS, AGATT ALSO OBTAINED COPY OF LATTER'S INVITATION TO
BID ON WHEAT SUBJECT TO PA 53/502. THIS TENDER ALSO BEING
POUCHED FROM BEIRUT MARCH 27 TO PROGRAM OPERATIONS DIVISIONS,
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FAS, USDA, AND EMBASSY BEIRUT ALSO CABLING TEXT TO DEPT.,
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